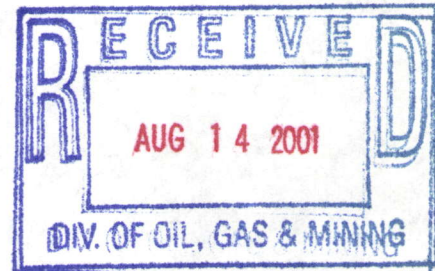


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RE: Amendment to Permit M/049/009; Dry Stack Tailings

Dear Mr. Hedberg;

Enclosed are two copies of an Amendment to Permit M/049/009. The amendment request results from our preference to utilize a dry stack tailings disposal system rather than conventional wet tailings disposal. The dry stack pile is located in the area approved for wet tailings disposal known as the A, B and C tailings ponds or the Trixie tailings ponds area. When compared with our plans of a year ago, the current plan includes the addition of a cyanide vat leach and cyanide kill circuit to our mill. DWQ has reviewed and approved these changes in our proposed operations. The Amendment also requests elimination of three areas from the approved permit. These areas have not been disturbed and are no longer part of our planned operations.

Please feel free to contact either Tom Gast of EMS at (970) 461-0571 or myself with any of your questions. We look forward to working with your Department during the review of the Amendment.

Sincerely,

Paul C. Spor  
Executive Director

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cc: Tom Gast